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Some of the hams of NEWSLINE RADIO...

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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU DJ0QN and

many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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STONER SUES CONDO ASSOCIATION OVER ANTENNA RESTRICTIONS

National Amateur Radio Association President Donald Stoner, W6TNS has filed a major lawsuit against the owners association of his Clearwater, Florida winter home. According to court documents, Stoner indicated that he had struck a deal with the previous owner of the penthouse condominium for him to negotiate rooftop antenna rights as a condition of purchase. Stoner says that his repeated requests to the owners were ignored by that group which said it would not talk about the issue until W6TNS became a property owner. Later, the same owners association went as far as to pass a retroactive rule barring all antennas from the property and to this day refuses to even talk with Stoner about the issue.

"Originally the restriction was solely on television antennas. I couldn't care less about having a television antenna or dish, but I sure wanted a ham antenna. For two years they have been precluding me from having that and even have changed the rules retroactively to include ham antennas." stated Stoner.

As a result, the national society leader has gone to court. He is seeking injunctive relief to install his amateur radio antenna system atop the high-rise building. He also wants punitive damages from the association and its individual board members. This looks to be a precedent setting case in that it challenges restrictive covenants that were enacted after an antenna installation request was made by a ham. Newsline will keep you posted on the issue as it proceeds through the legal system.

NEW YORK CITY BANS TAXI HAMS

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission has acted to ban the city's taxi fleets from using Amateur Radio as a method of communications. The decision of the Commission bars the permanent installation of any type of two-way Amateur Radio transceiver or ham radio accessories in a New York City Medallion taxicab. It also prohibits taxi drivers from utilizing ham radio as a method of communications between their dispatchers and base locations.

The action by the commission has the strong support of the city's amateur repeater owners, trustees and licensees. It also appears to be a direct response to a bid by a trio of New York City hackies who wanted to see every cab in the New York City area equipped with ham radio.

SAREX TO LAUNCH

The next Space Shuttle launch carrying the Shuttle Amateur Radio EXperiment is scheduled for June 20 at 13:38 UTC. The crew includes Pilot Brian Duffy, N5WQW, and Mission Specialist Janice Voss, whose license is pending. The flight was rescheduled from June 3.

As part of its primary mission, the Shuttle Endeavour will carry the SPACELAB payload, a laboratory which is leased by various industry to expand research in commercial microgravity development opportunities. The crew will also retrieve the European Retrievable Carrier satellite. Eureka as the satellite is known, has been collecting science since it was deployed from Shuttle Atlantis on the STS-46 mission in August 1992.

During the 7 day flight, Duffy will use 2 meter FM voice and packet. He will use his own call signs for voice contacts. The primary packet call sign will be W5RRR-1. The astronauts have pre-scheduled numerous contacts with schools and their assisting radio clubs in the United States and Mexico.

As for open contacts with the world's ham populace? That will be catch - catch - can. The attitude and elevation of the spacecraft are expected to change significantly during the EURECA rendezvous and retrieval on flight day 4. As a result, amateurs attempting to make a random contact or eavesdrop should update their Keplerian elements regularly throughout the mission.

NO VOSS TICKET

Also, it also appears that Astronaut Janice Voss will not have her ham radio call sign by the June 20th lift-off of STS-57. According to sources at AMSAT, the supervising VEC did get her Form 610 application and tried to push it through. But word is that there was just not enough time to complete the needed process with FCC. Every ham application must be key-stroked into the Gettysburg computer and then sent by modem to Washington for comparison with the FCC database. This process takes a minimum of two weeks.

JIM RAFFERTY - N6RJ S.K.

Noted DXer Jim Rafferty N6RJ, passed away on June 13 after a long illness. Rafferty, 44, was best known in DX circles for his work as a member of the ARRL's DX Advisory Committee, his development of the popular "N6RJ 2nd Op" DX operating aid, his numerous DXedition operations, contest operations from the Cayman Islands and other Caribbean islands and the countless forums he has moderated over the years. Rafferty was employed by Ham Radio Outlet Inc. where he served as the corporations Vice President and as manager of the chain's Anaheim California store. N6RJ was recently honored as the first recipient of the newly created "Spirit of DXing" award created by the Southern California DX Club and presented to him on April 17 by his longtime friend Chip Margelli K7JA at the 1993 International DX Convention in Visalia, California. Services were scheduled Friday June 18th at St. Martins Church in Yorba Linda, California.

FIELD DAY SATELLITE OPERATIONS

The Fuji-OSCAR 20 satellite will operate its Mode JA analog transponder for use during Field Day. This special transponder operation is the result of discussions between the Japan Amateur Radio League and the ARRL. OSCAR 20 normally operates its analog transponder on Wednesdays only. According to Fujio Yamashita, JS1UKR, of the JARL, Fuji's digital transponder and packet BBS will shut down at 09:20 UTC on June 25th. The Mode JA analog transponder will be activated at this time and will remain available until 10:20 UTC on June the 28th. The analog transponder will then be available for SSB and CW communications only. Uplink passband is 145.900 to 146.000 MHz. Fuji's downlink passband is 435.900 to 435.800 MHz and is inverting.

VOYAGERS REACHES EDGE OF SOLAR SYSTEM

NASA's Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecraft are sending back what scientists believe is the first direct evidence of the boundary between Earth's solar system and interstellar space. Scientists say that the unmanned probes are recording intense low-frequency radio emissions from beyond the solar system. Those signals combined with other data collected by the Voyagers indicate the edge of the solar system. According to researcher Don Gurnett of the University of Iowa, this type of radio signal occurs when a cloud of electrically charged gas expands from the sun and reacts with cold gases between solar systems. These cold interstellar gases are beyond the outermost limit of the sun's

magnetic field and mark the edge of the solar system.

DAYTON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES BALLOON

The Dayton Amateur Radio association has announced plans to loft another high altitude weather balloon carrying an ATV transmitter on 439.250 MHz and a two meter simplex repeater on 144.340 Mhz. The flight is slated for Saturday June 26th at 08:00 Eastern Daylight Time from the Radiosonde Launch Site in nearby Huber Heights, Ohio. The ATV system will feature a panoramic rotating mirror and altitude and temperature sensor sending on-screen digital telemetry.

ARRL ATLANTIC DIVISION AWARDS FOR 1993

The ARRL Atlantic Division "Amateur of the Year" for 1993 is Tony Young, WA3YLO, of Bowie, Maryland. Young is president of the Foundation for Amateur Radio, a consortium of radio clubs in the Baltimore, D.C. area that administers an extensive program of scholarships for licensed amateurs.

Recipient of the Atlantic Division's "Grand Ole Ham" award is Jim Spencer, W3BBB, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Among his accomplishments, Spencer designed and built the Amateur Radio display station at the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia that was pictured on the cover of the July 1992 QST magazine.

The Atlantic Division's Technical Achievement award went to John Hansen, WA0PTV, of Fredonia, New York, an assistant editor of the AMSAT Journal and the designer of several innovative systems for amateur satellites.

These awards were presented at the Atlantic Division Convention in conjunction with the Rochester Hamfest in May.

LAST CALL FOR YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

This is the last call for nominations for the 1993 Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year Award. The award be presented at the Huntsville Hamfest and ARRL National Convention in Huntsville, Alabama the weekend of August 14th and 15th.

The Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year is a person who in the view of the judges best epitomizes the accomplishments of youth in amateur radio. Achievements can be in any area of endeavour associated to the hobby service. To qualify, a nominee must be 18 years of age or younger, be attending an accredited school or place of learning and must hold any class of valid

United States amateur license. Cutoff date for nominations is June 30th. If you have already sent for a nominating form and have not yet sent it back, please do so now. For those who need a nominating form please send an S.A.S.E. to the 1993 Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus, CA 91350.

NO MORE RFI IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This from the CGC Communicator newsletter, a broadcast industry trade publication. It says that back on March 21, radio station XHTIM in Tijuana, Mexico switched frequency from 91.5 to 91.7 Mhz, increased its' power and ended fourteen months of interference to KUSC-FM in Los Angeles. Three weeks later, KUSC moved to Mt. Harvard and commenced operation with a new, high power directional antenna. And you think you have problems with interference to your two meter repeater?

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